MR. K. A. MATHEW : ഇതിന്റെ തീരുമാനം എന്നത്തേക്കുണ്ടാകുമെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

HON'BLE MR. T. M. VARGHESE : ഖണ്ഡിതമായി പറയുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. കഴിയുന്നതും വേഗത്തിൽ തീരുമാനിക്കാം.

Paddy control.

334. MR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHA NADAR (*Kalkulam II—Hindu Nadar*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Food, answer the following questions.

1. Why should paddy be compulsorily procured from the Agriculturists through the Pakuthy Proverthicars in surplus areas such as Nanjinad and Kuttanad and again be distributed in such areas through the ration shops ?

2. Whether there is any idea to decontrol the areas where paddy is in surplus?

3. If so, when will it come into force?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: 1. Under the system of statutory rationing now in force throughout the State, Government have to supply a specified quantity of foodgrains as ration to all non-producers and to those whose paddy income is not sufficient to meet their whole demand. For this purpose the surplus paddy with each producer has to be acquired by Government. The surplus, thus acquired is distributed through ration shops, to meet the needs of the population depending on ration.

2 & 3. The question of introducing decontrol and derationing of foodgrains in certain paddy producing taluks of the State is under the consideration of Government.

Village Union, Kottully.

335. MR. ALEXANDER VAKAYIL (*Parur II—Latin Catholic*): Will the Honourable Minister for Self Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the Village Union at Kottully is the first of its kind in the Parur taluk; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative will they be pleased to state why it is not converted into a Village Uplift Centre in spite of the deplorable absence of roads, bridges, culverts, fresh water wells and lighting in this important locality ?

HON'BLE MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The answer is somewhat difficult because the question is, why it is not converted into a Village Uplift Centre. Generally a Village Union is not converted into a Village Uplift Centre. Having said that, I would answer the question by saying that Village Uplift Centres are selected by the Division Sub-committies of the Village Uplift Advisory Board, and the selection is finally ratified by the Village Uplift Department and the Government. The Kottayam Division Sub-committee has not selected Kottully for starting a Village Uplift Centre.

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